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Subject: RM-10781

In regards to proposal RM-10781. I fully support the elimination of Element 1 of the current Amateur radio testing requirement. There has been no proven fact of degrading of service from recent testing changes in previous years. There has been proven fact of additional licensed radio amateurs.

There has been no proven fact that the use of morse code has substantially enabled emergency, homeland security, or other government agencies to do their job. Further more there hasn't been documentation on morse code being the only means of communications in any major disaster for the past 20 years.

After reading additional submissions by other amateur operators. I would agree not removing the allocated bandwidth but this action should not be involved in this ruling but in the internal governing of amateur radio operators as it has been done in the past.

In conclusion I strongly agree with removing the element 1 requirement so amateur radio can focus on BPL and other matters that mean more to the collective amateur radio community.

Regards
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